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SUBJ: DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S PLANNED VISIT TO SPAIN

REF: COPENHAGEN 1720

1. DURING MY CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MRS. LISE OSTERGAARD ON MARCH 29, SHE SAID THAT DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN WOULD BE TRAVELING TO SPAIN AROUND MAY 17 - 20. THESE DATES HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER. SHE NOTED THAT AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN BY A SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS AN HISTORIC EVENT BECAUSE IT WAS FIRST TIME SINCE THE CIVIL WAR THAT A SCANDINAVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WAS VISITING THAT COUNTRY.

2. MRS. OSTERGAARD SAID DANES FEEL THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL MOVEMENT TOWARD DEMOCRACY IN SPAIN WHICH MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A TRIP. SHE NOTED THAT TRIP IS SCHEDULED ONE MONTH BEFORE NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN SPAIN AND PRESUMABLY K.B. ANDERSEN'S VISIT IS ALSO DESIGNED TO BENEFIT SPANISH SOCIALIST ELEMENTS.

3. COMMENT: I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANDERSEN'S  
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TRIP WAS COORDINATED WITH THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. RATHER, IT WAS MOTIVATED BY THE DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN ANOTHER "FIRST" FOR HIS COUNTRY, SUCH AS HIS VISIT TO ANGOLA LAST FALL. THIS DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS TRIP. WE CAN ALSO EXPECT THAT K.B. ANDERSEN WILL COMMUNICATE HIS IMPRESSIONS TO THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN

COUNTRIES AS WELL AS FELLOW SCOCIAL DEMOCRATIC  
PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE.  
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